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Lorne Whitney Craner –

Lorne Whitney Craner was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor on June 4, 2001. In this position, he coordinates U.S. foreign policy and programs that support the promotion and protection human rights and democracy worldwide.

Prior to this appointment, Craner was President of the International Republican Institute (IRI), a position he had held since 1995. As President, Craner led IRI to new levels of program achievement, fundraising, financial accountability and news coverage. He joined the IRI, which conducts programs outside the United States to promote democracy, free markets, and the rule of law, in 1993 as Vice President for Programs.

From 1992-93, Craner was Director of Asian Affairs at the National Security Council. Between 1989 and 1992 he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Legislative Affairs.

Craner was Senator John McCain's foreign policy advisor, from 1986 to 1989, serving concurrently as the Republican Staffer on the Senate Central America Negotiations Observer Group. He began his Hill career as the foreign policy advisor to Congressman Jim Kolbe.

Craner received his Masters degree in National Security Studies from Georgetown University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Reed College.

He and his wife, Anne, have three children.